

**Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting of Knaith Parish Council held in the  
Village Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 @ 6.30pm**

**Present:** Councillor D. Belton (Chairman)  
Councillor A. Morphet  
Councillor A. Coulson  
Councillor S Ryves  
Mrs E. Coulson (Clerk)

**1/11/25. Apologies for absence**

Councillor Breeze handed in his resignation 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 which was accepted.  
Councillor Bowdler and sent apologies. Apologies Accepted.  
District Councillor Bailey was invited but sent her apologies as she was attending a Full Council Meeting.

**2/11/25. To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to receive any applications for Dispensation. Members may make declarations at this point but also make them at any point during the meeting.**

None Received.

**3/11/25. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

The minutes have been circulated, and it was proposed by Councillor Morphet that they are a true record, which was seconded by Councillor Coulson, and **resolved** to sign as a true record.

It was resolved that Agenda item 10 be moved up the Agenda.

**10/11/25. Councillor Vacancies**

Mrs Sophie Ryves has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and does meet all current criteria. It was proposed that she be co-opted onto the Council, with all in favour. Mrs Ryves Signed the Declaration Of Acceptance of Office. The Clerk will forward all necessary paperwork to Councillor Ryves for completion.

**Action EC**

The Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies.

**4/11/25. Clerk's report on Outstanding Matters**

**Defibrillator**

New stickers have been placed on the Defibrillator box, and I have received an external sign for outside the Village Hall boundaries which needs to be installed.

**Zoom Meetings**

In England, a parish councillor cannot currently vote when attending a meeting remotely. The law as it stands requires councillors to be physically present at a specified location to be considered "present" and therefore vote.

**Upcoming Changes (as of November 2025)**

The government is in the process of legislating to allow local authorities, including parish councils, the **flexibility** to permit remote attendance and voting. A public consultation on the details of this change closed in December 2024, and the government has announced its intention to introduce the necessary powers.

Once the new legislation is in place, individual councils will likely be able to decide their own policies on remote attendance and voting, which they would set out in their constitutions.

**Planning**

WL/2025/00937 – 59 Willingham Road - Planning application for proposed change of use of part of ground floor to re-instate to part time public house.

The following was submitted:

*The Knaith Parish Council gave long and public consideration to blocking the initial application for change of use from a public house. We then tried to find a solution via a community initiative, which unfortunately was*

unsuccessful. We then agreed to a change of use, to a private dwelling, simply as a preferred option to having a dilapidated building in the centre of the village. Our position has always been in support of having a public house in the village.

We have received no formal / written objections into the council regarding this application.

### **5/11/25. Correspondence**

- General Correspondence – List circulated.
  - a. Sports facility survey – Contact Village Hall Committee as this survey is regarding the Village Hall. **Action EC**
  - b. Martyn’s Law – Send details to the Village Hall Committee to make sure they are aware of this. Check with LALC about minimum requirements before it is applicable. **Action EC**

### **6/11/25. Financial Matters**

- a. Financial Statement – With payments totalling £1,946.01 and receipts totalling £10.75 it was **resolved** that the Chairman would sign the statement for the record.
- b. Internal Audit – Conducted and signed by Councillor Morphet.
- c. Precept/Budget Consideration – The budget has been circulated, and it was proposed by Councillor Coulson that the Precept Estimate should be submitted at the same amount as last year £5,154, this was seconded by Councillor Morphet with Councillor Ryves in agreement. Councillor Belton abstained from voting as he has a direct interest. The Clerk will submit the estimate. **Action EC**
- d. Bank Signatories – Councillors Ryves and Coulson have agreed to become signatories. The Clerk will supply Councillor Belton with the details to complete this process. **Action EC and DB.**

### **7/11/25. Solar Farms.**

Emails Received

1. Tillbridge Solar Project – Confirmation from Planning Inspectorate that the Project has been Accepted.
2. Steeple Solar Farm - Invite to Preliminary Meeting.

Councillor Morphet – 7000 Acres group are planning to have another meeting with regards Tillbridge Solar Project, in conjunction with Dame Andrea Jenkyns with a view to plan a Judicial Review. The Parish Council will closely monitor this as it develops.

The Public Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> October it to be considered a success. Councillor Bowdler did a great job, thank you.

1. Following on from the meeting Parishioners can contact the Parish Council with regards the Solar Project – [clerk-kpc@outlook.com](mailto:clerk-kpc@outlook.com).
2. No further comments have been received.
3. Updates will appear in the Village Newsletter - As required.
4. Await updates from EDF.
5. Email address has been added to Solar Pages on the Parish website.

### **8/11/25. Speed Initiatives**

Speed Indicators

Councillor Coulson – Data has now been downloaded from both Speed Indicators. This data has been distributed to the Council. Please see separate paperwork.

In Summary:

Bridge Indicator:	Period 18 <sup>th</sup> September to 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	
Incoming	27526 vehicles	96% 35 mph and under
Outgoing	40807 vehicles	93% 35 mph and under

Village Hall Indicator:	Period 7 <sup>th</sup> August to 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	
Incoming	38690 vehicles	95% 35 mph and under
Outgoing	49897 vehicles	89% 35 mph and under

Councillor Coulson is going to contact the Police to determine where this information should be reported to. The data going forward will form part of the minutes and be displayed in the notice boards. **Action EC and AC**

Speed Gun – Councillor Belton requested the speed gun and equipment from Mr. Breeze following his resignation. Mr. Breeze confirmed this equipment is currently with Kexby Parish Council. Councillor Belton to make contact and retrieve. **Action DB**

Old Speed Indicator – It has previously been agreed by the Parish Council that the old speed indicator still be used on Station Road and Upton Road. The Clerk will confirm with Councillor Bowdler. **Action EC and SB**

#### **9/11/25. Neighbourhood Plan**

Rolling Agenda Item. **Action January 26 Agenda.**

#### **11/11/25. Dog Noises/Fouling**

Further to the request from The Parish Council, a new dog waste bin has been installed at the end of ‘Rhody Woods’ at the very top of Knaith Hill on the bend.

No news instances of dog nuisance have been reported. No Action Required.

#### **12/11/25. Village Newsletter**

Plan for another Newsletter to be distributed at the beginning of December.

To include but not limited to:

- Solar Farm Updates (If Any)
- New Dog Waste Bin details.
- Speed Indicator Information
- Councillor Vacancies
- St Mary’s Church Events
- Village Hall Events
- Defibrillator Location

The Clerk will check with St Mary’s and Village Hall committee about upcoming events and then draft Newsletter for Councillor approval. **Action EC**

#### **13/11/25. Items of information to be noted and if necessary, dealt with at the next meeting.**

1. Meeting Frequency – This topic was broached again, and it was agreed that it would be revisited before the Standing Order is adopted again at the AGM.
2. District Councillor Bailey - Would it be possible for PC to consider a letter to the owners of the woods where the recent tree fell into the road and ask that a survey of the trees be done to ensure road user safety?  
The Parish Council believe that this is in the Parish of Lea and that Knaith boundary stops at the road. The Clerk will double check which woods and the Boundary lines and reply to DC Bailey. **Action EC**
3. Further to the Parish Councils request to Lincolnshire County Council, the Hedgerow along the Footpath between Station Road and Willingham Road has finally been cut back.

#### **14/11/25. Date for next meeting**

A date was set for the next Bi-Monthly meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 6.30pm

With all business concluded the meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....